

**LONGMONT LIBRARY BOARD  
LONGMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM  
409 FOURTH AVENUE  
Monday, January, 26, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:56pm by Chairperson Mark Springfield.

1. Roll Call
  - a) Present: Board Members Mark Springfield, Genny Michael, Nancy Carter, Katie Fuller, Cathy Balan; Library Director Judith Anderson; Councilmember Jeff Moore
2. Approval of minutes
  - a) The minutes of the December 22, 2014 meeting were approved.
3. Reports and Information Items
  - a) Library Director's Report
    - The Library is working with Salud Clinic to provide early literacy information for expectant parents attending group prenatal visits. It will provide early literacy information for expectant mothers and early literacy activities for children attending with their mothers. There will be two groups – one in Spanish and one in English. The Library will give out books and talk about the importance of early literacy. This is an invaluable way to reach the Library's most underserved population. This program will start in February and will take place two times per month.
    - The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Light a Candle fundraiser brought in \$4027 and 313 total donated items. Both numbers are on par with previous years. The money will be used to purchase more items for the collection, including more eBooks for Adult Services.
    - The outside material drop has arrived. Prior to being installed, a level concrete pad must be installed. The hope was to have a bid by the end of January and proceed with installation as quickly as possible.
    - New self-checkout kiosks were to be installed on January 27. These will replace the oldest machines currently located in the children's library and across from the holds pickup shelves.
    - Library programs continue to be well attended by the community. Some attendance numbers from recent programs include:  
Emerald Ash Borer: 50 attendees  
NextLight Technology: Fiber-Optic 102: 80  
10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Book Talk: 100  
Healthy Brains, Healthy Kids: 204  
Mother Goose Story Time: 110
    - The Library continues to receive coverage in the press. The Robot program was featured in Library Hotline on January 19. Library Hotline is a national weekly

publication from which Library Journal frequently pulls stories and the hope is that this story is one that gets picked up. Additionally, a story about the Library's programs for adults ran in the January issue of Inside Longmont.

b) Rising to the Challenge: Re- Envisioning Public Libraries

- This is a report published by the Aspen Institute on what a 21<sup>st</sup> century library looks like. The Board members were asked to read this report in advance of the February meeting, at which time it will be discussed in further detail in relation to the Longmont Library.

c) Friends of the Library Report

- The Friends are working on getting their events placed on all community calendars so the public is more informed about what is happening.
- The following funding requests were approved:  
CATS programming for 2015: \$5575  
CATS white board table: \$275  
CATS robot programmer: \$500  
Adult Services café tables and book display: \$4000
- The keyhole project was discussed. Another group is interested in doing a fundraiser for this and the Friends agreed to provide whatever money this group doesn't raise. The plan is for this project to be completed by the end of 2015. It will probably begin in August after the Summer Reading Program has ended. This space will mainly be a children's space and the estimated cost, while still to be determined, is \$45,000 to \$55,000.

4. New Business

a) Observations and Ideas from Eileen Conway's Internet Librarian Conference Presentation

- The Board discussed the idea of librarians as tech experts and noted that there is probably significant overlap between this report and the Aspen Institute Report. Additionally, it noted the importance of staying technologically current, e.g. an updated website and keeping up with patrons wanting the ability to do more and more electronically.
- The Board also discussed the Library looking at its current rules and determining which ones are in place for the ease of the Library and its staff and which ones are actually in the best interest of the members of the Library and the community.
- Further discussion will be had on these topics at the next meeting in conjunction with the discussion on the Aspen Institute Report.

b) 2015 Board Objectives

- The Board agreed that the main things it would like to pursue or continue pursuing in 2015 are:  
Community liaison activities  
Communication and advocacy  
Further interaction with Library staff  
Networking strategies with other community Boards

5. Old Business

a) Little Library Initiative

- The Board reviewed the prototype of the Little Library that was created by Councilmember Moore and agreed that it was very well done.
- Director Anderson reported that she spoke with the Director of the Youth Center and she would be interested in putting a Little Library near its location.
- The plan is also to put another Little Library in a park where the Summer Reading Program is being held. This will ensure that a greater number of people see it and will also allow children and family's participating in the Summer Reading Program to take advantage of it.
- Currently, the Board's plan is to roll out these two units, test how things go, and then make changes accordingly prior to rolling out more units.
- The Board suggested that a good time to announce these units would be at the kickoff for the Summer Reading Program.
- The Board will wait to discuss this project with the Parks Department until it has all of the logistics in place so that it can answer as many questions as possible that the Parks Department might raise.
- Because Councilmember Moore plans on making further units at TinkerMill, it was determined that the Board would take a tour of that space on Sunday, February 15 to learn more about it.

b) Outreach to other Boards

- The Board discussed other Boards/groups that it would like to reach out to. These included Arts Longmont, the Latino Chamber, and El Comite. Board Member Balan will contact Arts Longmont and Director Anderson will contact El Comite.

6. Public Comments

- No members of the public were present

7. Library Board Comments

- There were no Board comments

8. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Springfield  
Chairperson

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Katie Fuller  
Secretary